

Life at Unity

March 17, 2026



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

In Matthew 6:25, in the middle of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us “do not worry.” But he cannot really be serious right? Children struggle in school, teenagers are making choices about friends and behavior, parents struggle with multiple demands of work and activities, those with aging parents wonder how they can provide more time and care, those nearing the end of their working years anticipate retirement, those who have lived well over a long life wonder if their savings will last. Then add in a nation at war with the effects drawing near every community, rising prices for gasoline, truth being replaced by lies, and cultural divisions over just about everything in our country and world. Don’t worry – how could we possibly do that? It sounds like a recipe for irresponsibility!

I do not know if Jesus imagined the incredible pressures modern families face, but what we do know is that throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus invites us to imagine, to seek first, to live into a different vision, a different future, called the Kingdom of God. And to do so he gives us not a rational argument about worry and concern. Instead he offers us a poetic vision of delighting in the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Jesus invites us to lift our eyes from being solely focused on our concerns and what we lack, so that we might notice that God is still at work in the world. And what we discover when we see God at work is that the opposite of worry is not necessarily peace of mind. It is more than simple trust. It is something like delight.

My friends, I want to suggest to you one place you might find this kind of poetic delight is “generosity.” Generosity is a new outlook on life. It is a way of approaching the world not based on scarcity and anxiety and trying to grasp our own security. No, generosity is about trust, putting the needs of others first, and delight. Pastor Andy Stanley puts it this way: “Generosity helps us cultivate awareness of things that really matter. Opportunities that make a real difference in the world.”

As we approach Stewardship Commitment Sunday on March 22, my prayer for you is that you might know the gift of generosity. But listen to this very carefully, generosity is something I want **for** you, not **from** you. I pray that you will know that kind of transformative encounter with Jesus Christ’s love that leads to a broadness of vision, an openness of spirit, a true delight in the Lord, and a generous heart. I pray that delight and generosity will overflow from your heart so that sharing your time, talents, and treasures is your first response to the grace of God. I pray you will not be able to contain the gospel that lives inside of you.

There will always be things which cause us to worry. But as those who are learning to look differently, to see with the eyes of God, we must consider all these questions within the context of a world governed ultimately not by our concerns, but permeated and sustained by divine love. So, my friends, do not worry; seek ye first the Kingdom of God.

See you Sunday!
Matt

Since 1788... United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people.

The deadline to submit items for the April 8th, 2026 Newsletter is Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

For more information on “What’s Happening” at Unity, please visit...
www.unityfortmill.org/whats-happening/

STAY IN TOUCH

Whether you are looking for a specific activity or the latest news and information on children, youth, and adults, visit us at . . .

Website: www.UnityFortMill.org

Instagram: @UnityFortMill

Facebook: @UnityFortMill

Be sure to “like” our page.

EARLY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 -- Betty Carter; Cathey Miller;
Everett Spinner

2 -- Hattie Johnson; Betsy
Knight; Ty Teague; Beverly
Wacker

3 -- Adam Fantone; Jill
Grossoehme

4 -- Doug Dracon; Kinsley
Hollis

5 -- Molly Ernst; Will Fulmer;
Logan Zambor

6 -- Candice Fantone; Brooke
Lopuch; McIntosh Wells; Bruce
Windom; Erin Wolfe; Chris
Wynings

7 -- Abby Helms; Emma
Melton

8 -- Ethan Conley; Susan Kidd;
Delaney Michael; Emma
Michael; Margaret Monroe;
Owen Pope; Addison Turner

9 -- Sutton Borland; Adam
Newman; Carson Roberds

10 -- Charity Fogle; Mike
Jamison; Abigail Kuebler;
Lauren Pressley; Rachel
Templeton; Ronan White

11 -- Genevieve Evans; Norma
Lester; William Logan; Shannon
Mari; Aubrey Nix; Avery Nix;
Harper Young

12 -- Zach Baxley; Lex Hannon;
Nate Pickel; Chris Spinner;
Marsha True

13 -- Earl Barrett; Jessica
Bunge; Steve Crump; J.D.
Hattaway; Wiley Spinner

14 -- Charlotte Choate; Jenny
Coker; Arthur Hill; Carson
Martin; Louise Mix; Glenn
Reams

15 -- Patty Barron; Carly Fulmer

EASTER MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

2026 EASTER MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



Many members of our congregation have developed a tradition of giving a financial gift to Unity in memory or honor of loved ones at Easter. If you would like to make such an offering, please complete the form found in the Pews/Narthex and return it to the church office. Please make your check payable to Unity and write "Easter Memorial/Honorarium" on the memo line. Donations can also be made through Unity's website at <https://unityfortmill.org/give/easter-memorials-and-honorariums/>. If you need additional assistance, contact Anissa Lee (alee@unityfortmill.org) in the church office. **The deadline for receipt of these gifts is March 22nd.** They will be listed in a booklet which will be available in the Narthex on March 29th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - MARCH 29TH

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, March 29th**, immediately following both worship services for the purpose of:

- Electing the 2026 Nominating Committee - those who will be nominated to serve will be shared as soon as all are identified.
- To approve changes to the terms of call of Rev. Molly Spangler. Molly has requested permission to adjust her hours and terms of call to a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position to enable her to more fully respond to both her call to ministry at Unity and her call to her family in this season of life.

WELCOME (BACK) REV. JEANNIE BICKETT - PARISH ASSOCIATE FOR PASTORAL CARE

On April 1st, Unity Presbyterian Church is delighted to welcome back to the church staff the Rev. Jeannie Bickett as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care. Many in our church may remember that Jeannie served as Associate Pastor at Unity for 24 years before her retirement in September 2019. As parish associate, Jeannie will work up to 15 hours a week focusing on pastoral care with senior adults as well as helping to coordinate the grief care and caregiving small groups. She will also participate in worship from time to time and share her gifts in other ways as the Holy Spirit leads. Welcome home Jeannie! We are grateful for this opportunity to serve together again!

JOIN OUR MINISTRY TEAM - COORDINATOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT

Do you love Unity Presbyterian Church? Do you enjoy helping others find places to learn, grow, delight, and serve? Are you organized and dedicated? Is God calling you or someone you know to join our ministry team? In response to our growing congregation and new Strategic Mission Pathway to "Cultivate Belonging and Commitment," Unity Presbyterian Church is seeking a **Coordinator for Congregational Life and Engagement**. This will be a part-time, 20-hour per week position. In collaboration with the Hospitality and Evangelism Ministry Team, the Fellowship Ministry Team, and the Health Ministry Team, the Coordinator will oversee Unity Presbyterian Church's ministries of helping those seeking a church home become new members and faithful followers of Jesus Christ; congregational fellowship and joy; nurturing health and wholeness in body and spirit; and other ways to deepen relationships and connections with Christ and one another. For more information and/or to apply, contact Dr. Matt Rich - mrich@unityfortmill.org.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
Worship with a Palm Procession and Children's Choir Anthem at 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND
Worship with communion at 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD
Tenebrae service of readings and extinguishing candles, led by Unity Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists at 6:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

- 7:00 AM Worship in the Historic Sanctuary
- 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM, identical worship services with special music in the Sanctuary with butterfly release following each service
weather permitting

The Season of Lent concludes with a final week with Jesus in Jerusalem as we arrive with Christ on Palm Sunday, gather to remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples before his death, and find ourselves at the foot of the cross, before discovering the transformative and joyful encounter with our risen Lord by an empty tomb. Please plan to join us for worship:

Palm Sunday, March 29 - We will worship at **8:45 AM and 11 AM** in the sanctuary as we begin with a Palm Procession by our children and choirs. The Children's Choirs will sing at both services and we will reflect on how Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem is a transformative moment for how we understand the role of King.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 - We will worship at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary for a traditional Maundy Thursday service centered on Jesus' final meal with his disciples before his betrayal and death. We will celebrate communion by intinction after reflecting on the new commandment Jesus gives his disciples that they are to love one another. The service concludes with "stripping of the sanctuary" as we depart in silence.

Good Friday, April 3 - We will worship at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary for a "Tenebrae" service. The word Tenebrae means "darkness." Rooted in the ancient Church and traditionally observed during Holy Week, the service tells of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion as candles are gradually extinguished, symbolizing the fading loyalty of Jesus' disciples. Yet even as the light fades, we trust in the promise of resurrection and the knowledge that Christ's light will never be overcome. The Chancel Choir, accompanied by string quartet, oboe, and organ, will lead us in moving choral music along with familiar hymns and congregational singing so that all may participate as together we reflect on Christ's passion through scripture, prayer, and music.

Easter Sunday, April 5 - We will have three opportunities to gather for worship as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the transformative power of God's love unleashed in the world when God calls our names.

- **7:00 AM** - Worship in the Historic Sanctuary that begins outside on the steps (weather permitting)
- **8:45 AM and 11:00 AM** - Worship in the Sanctuary (with overflow seating in the narthex and Historic Sanctuary). These will be identical services with special music, prayers, sermon, communion by intinction, and butterfly release following both services (weather permitting)

COME BE A PART OF THE NEW FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM!

Do you like thinking about the ways people gather? Do you like planning dinner parties and fun get-togethers? Do you want to help think about ways we can have more fun and fellowship together as a congregation? Then come be a part of our new Fellowship Ministry Team. This team will start meeting together in a few months in order to think about and carry out fellowship events here at Unity, so we are recruiting volunteers to be a part of this conversation. If you want to learn more or are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Molly Spangler at mbspangler@unityfortmill.org by Easter Sunday.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Closed on Fridays)
803.547.5543
www.UnityFortMill.org

STEWARDSHIP 2026 - TRANSFORMED BY LOVE

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being.” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV

Sunday, March 22nd, is Commitment Sunday. As we have walked through these weeks together, we hope you have noticed how your own heart and life is being transformed by God’s love. One way we respond is by committing our time, talents, and treasure in support of Christ’s ministry through our church.

- Please bring your time and talent form and your financial commitment sheet with you to worship on Sunday.
- If you need additional forms or a description booklet, they can be found in the cart in front of the Deacons’ desk.



For those who like working online:

- You can also communicate your Time & Talent choices online by logging into REALM. To indicate how you would like to serve, choose “Serving” and then browse “Opportunities”. Click on items you are interested in and “Submit your Interest” they will be sent directly to team leaders.
- You can set up your Financial Pledge by logging into REALM. To enter your pledge, choose “+ Pledge”, enter your pledge and press “Save Pledge”.
- To set up Online Giving after logging into REALM press “+ Give”, enter the amount and press “Multiple Times”, set up frequency and a beginning and end date. If you want to give perpetually until you make a change do not enter an end date. Press “Continue” and enter the source of funds and press “Give”.

After Sunday, commitments can be placed in the offering plate next Sunday, or dropped off or mailed to the church office. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and treasure!

TRANSFORMED BY LOVE: STEWARDSHIP 2026 - TERI COUCHENOUR

I’m Teri Couchenour and I’ve been a member at Unity for over 30 years. My two sons were raised attending church here and now my two young granddaughters are growing up here too!

In March of 2024, I took a leap of faith and volunteered for a week-long mission trip with our youth to Appalachia, VA. In the middle of June, we stayed in an old school gymnasium with no air conditioning, slept on air mattresses and the locker rooms served as our bathrooms. Regardless of the retro conditions, I formed special connections with the youth and chaperones. I realized we have a remarkable group of kids and their commitment to our church’s outreach encouraged me to get more involved. Since then, I’ve participated in multiple mission trips and helped with Sunday night youth groups. I am continuously inspired by the fellowship with the youth as we work, recreate and worship together.



In May of 2025 I joined a small group to Western North Carolina to assist a church with some clean up and carpentry work after flooding from Hurricane Helene. It was moving to see how our helping hands embodied an outpouring of love for a congregation we didn’t even know.

These trips have blessed me more than I could have imagined. I’m grateful for the transforming love of God that enriches my life through these experiences. As we approach Commitment Sunday on March 22nd I encourage you to prayerfully consider taking a leap of faith by committing your time, talents and treasures. Whether it’s something that’s outside of your comfort zone or not, see what God’s transforming love has in store for you!

OUR RECYCLING EFFORTS ARE GROWING!



In our call to be good stewards of creation, we are growing our recycling here at Unity. In addition to all of the paper we recycle, we are now also recycling our cardboard. This means that we can use even more volunteers to help pick up our recycling each Thursday and take it to the recycling center. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CABAD28A0FECE8-57102346-recycling#/> for more information about how to participate in our efforts to take care of this beautiful creation we live in.

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS & MISSION CAMP

VBS will be held Monday, June 15th—Thursday, June 18th from 9:00 a.m. – noon each day. This year's theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God. Based on the theme verse, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me", children will come to realize that with the strength God provides, they can share their gifts, be brave, give their all, pray, and hope. Children who will be 4 by August 31st, 2026 through Rising 4th grade are invited to join us on this exciting winter sports event where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Rising 5th and 6th grades are invited to Mission Camp at VBS, a fun-filled week of exploring the VBS Bible stories and seeing how those stories send us out to serve each day in our Fort Mill Community, which will run concurrently with VBS. Registration is now open for anyone and will close on April 1st or when filled, if before then. Some age groups are already full. Please register for the waitlist and we will try our best to accommodate those on the waitlist, if possible, Visit <https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/Registrations/Registrants/768cf3c1-ca8f-4e19-afb8-b3e700fb360a?congregantView=True> to register.



VBS PLANNING IS UNDERWAY! SIGN UP NOW TO SERVE

We need a large group of adult and youth to make VBS successful. From shepherding to leading recreation, art, serving snacks, sharing the Bible stories as a storyteller to decorating, there's a way everyone can use their gifts to serve. Find out more and sign up to help us make this summer the best VBS ever! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA9AF22A4FE3-62333984-vbs2026#/>



EASTER EGG HUNT!

The poster features a background of colorful Easter eggs in shades of purple, blue, and green. At the top right, there is a logo for "UNITY Presbyterian Church (USA)". Below the eggs, there is a green banner with white text that reads: "UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH", "JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT!", "Traditional Easter Egg Hunt", "SATURDAY, MARCH 21", "10:00 am", "For all ages", "No registration needed". At the bottom, it says "Meet in the Fellowship Hall for games, activities, and an egg hunt."/>

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Traditional Easter Egg Hunt
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
10:00 am
For all ages
No registration needed
Meet in the Fellowship Hall for games, activities, and an egg hunt.

DEDICATORY PIANO CONCERT – MAY 3 AT 2:00 PM

Dedicatory Piano Concert – May 3 at 2:00

"Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts."
Psalm 33:3

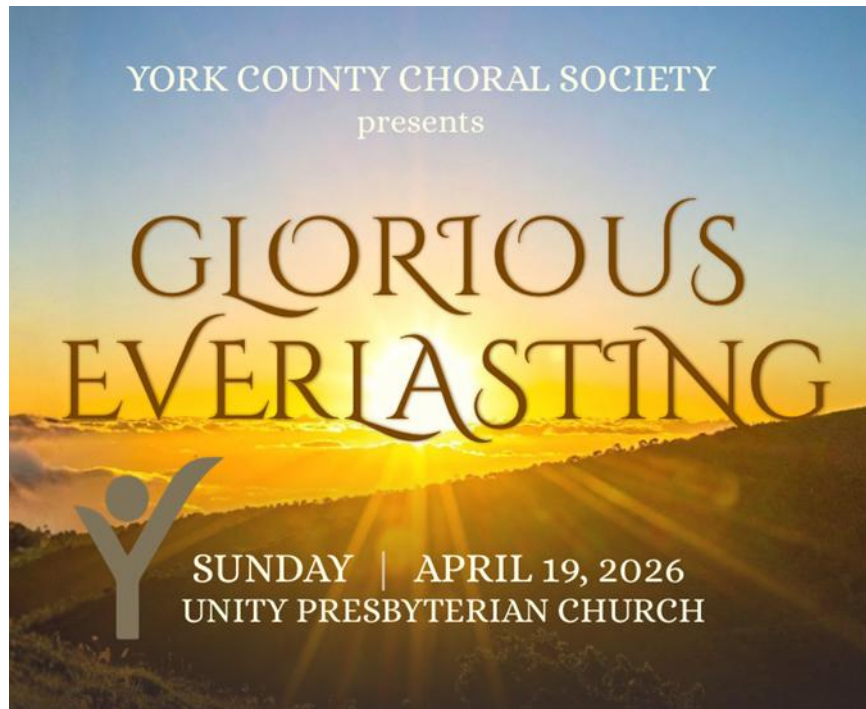
Please join us for a special dedicatory concert celebrating our beautiful new sanctuary piano on Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 PM. This free concert is open to all. The gift of our new Steinway Model B grand piano has already enriched our worship services and music ministry in meaningful ways. We invite you to gather with us as we dedicate this instrument to the glory of God through a concert by pianist Lawrence Quinnett.

Dr. Lawrence Quinnett is an active concert pianist who has performed recitals, conducted master classes, and adjudicated competitions in the Caribbean, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Quinnett has several competition successes to his credit, including first prize in the 2013 Doctoral Concerto Competition at Florida State University, the 2011 FSU Chapman Competition, the 2008 South Carolina Music Teachers' Association Young Artist Piano Competition, and the 2006 Southeastern College Piano Competition.

Quinnett presently teaches as Department Chair and Associate Professor of Piano and Music Theory at Livingstone College, where he maintains a small studio of select students. His students have received various awards and recognition in competitions, MTNA piano festivals, and Royal Conservatory of Music assessments. Quinnett was voted a "Top Piano Teacher" by Steinway & Sons in 2023.



YORK COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY—APRIL 19 AT 4:00 PM



On Sunday, April 19th at 4:00, Unity will host a performance by the York County Choral Society, led by co-artistic directors Dr. Randy Imler and Elizabeth Mixon. The choir will present a program entitled "Glorious Everlasting," featuring the music of Handel, Vaughan Williams, Gjeilo, Dawson, Forrest, Victoria and more! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased online at yorkcountychoralsociety.org. No tickets will be sold at the door.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION ELECTIVE - MARCH 22 AT 10 AM

Adult Faith Formation Elective - This Sunday, March 22, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Molly will be sharing about her experiences from a travel seminar she attended with Union Presbyterian Seminary in January. The trip was called, "Journey to Freedom, Civil Rights and Social Justice in the South." The trip was nine days and covered important locations in seven states. Molly will share stories and photos from her trip, as well as spiritual reflections on why this journey is important for us all. If you have not found a Sunday School home yet, or if you are interested in exploring the topic, please plan to come.



LUNCH BUNCH - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 AT NOON

Wednesday, March 25th-12:00 Noon

John and Sharon Fulton are both members at Unity. John will be sharing his 50-year hobby and experience as a licensed amateur radio operator. Ham radios are a popular hobby and service that can bring people, electronics, and communication together. John will share many of his personal experiences while enjoying his hobby. Bring your salad or sandwich and visit with old and new friends. Drinks, chips, and desserts are provided. Come and enjoy your lunchtime with us!



HOSPITALITY AND EVANGELISM

CONNECTIONS CLASS



CONNECTIONS CLASS- If you are curious about membership or have decided this is the time to join Unity, please join us for a Connections Class, beginning Sunday April 19 and continuing Sun. April 26. Members of the H&E team will welcome you to the Fellowship Hall at 10:00. The class will give you a brief overview of the many opportunities to participate in the life of Unity, a little introduction to our history, an opportunity to meet a few staff members, and ask any questions you may have about the church and our beliefs.

Campus Tour: Regardless of how long you've been attending Unity, members of the H&E team will be guiding a tour of the church buildings, on Sun. May 3. The tour will start in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026



On Sunday, March 8th, we celebrated the Confirmation of 19 8th graders as active members of Unity Presbyterian Church! After 7 months of study, service, and reflection, these 8th graders publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ through the sharing of their Statement of Faith. What a day of great joy for all of us as the body of Christ!

UNITY YOUTH & FAMILIES TRIVIA NIGHT 2026!

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Sunday,
March
29th

FELLOWSHIP HALL
4-5:30PM
ALL YOUTH, PARENTS,
AND FAMILIES
INVITED.
Bring an appetizer to share!

SCAN CODE TO
RSVP!

All youth, parents, and their families are invited to join for Unity Youth Trivia Night on **Sunday, March 29th from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!** Bring an appetizer to share, along with your competitive spirit for an evening of fun with our church family. **Scan the code to RSVP!**

SUICIDE RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE TRAINING

Consider attending this two-hour class on **Sunday, April 12 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Registration is required: <https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MjcxMTliZjEtNWZmZS00Njk0LTkzZTMtYjQwMzAxNGNjNzZk>. The class is free; however, donations will be accepted. Class size is limited to 30 participants. Just like CPR, this **QPR** suicide training, which is short for **Q**uestion, **P**ersuade, and **R**efers, is an emergency response to someone in crisis.

What you will learn:

- How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal.
- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide.
- The common causes of suicidal behavior.
- How to get help for someone in crisis.

DONATION REQUEST FOR DEFEND THE FATHERLESS

Defend the Fatherless is one of our local mission partners here in York County. They help support foster families in our county by supplying them with new clothing, supplies, and meals when they receive a foster child. This week they have reached out and let us know that they are in need of convertible car seats. If you are able, you can use this link to purchase one: <https://a.co/045V8Utg>. If you purchase one, you can drop it off here at Unity or directly at Defend the Fatherless: 230 Flint Hill Rd. Fort Mill, SC 29715.



BETHELWOODS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER
Proudly Presents Our Second Annual



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MAY 2, 2026

HORTON LODGE
922 WEST MT. GALLANT ROAD, YORK, SC
6PM to 11PM

TOP SHELF BOURBON | LOCAL BREWERY
CURATED MENU | DANCING
SILENT AUCTION

PURCHASE TABLES
AND TICKETS



Providence Presbytery Leaderfest Seminar

March 28, 2026

Unity Presbyterian Church / 303 Tom Hall St / Fort Mill, SC 29715

Presented by Stephen Ministries, St. Louis, featuring Joel Bretscher

The mental health crisis has been a growing challenge in society for decades, with numerous proposed solutions that have fallen short of resolving the problem. Building on more than two years of research, Stephen Ministries St. Louis has developed a bold new approach for the church to make a far-reaching difference in this area. Come and hear about this unexpected, powerful way for you, your small group, and all of our congregations to help solve the mental health crisis.

Schedule

- 8:30–9:00 a.m. **Check-In and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.–Noon **Presentations**
 - How Your Congregation Can Help Combat the Health Crisis: A New, Expanded Approach
 - What Jesus Teaches Us about Empathy
- Noon–12:45 p.m. **Lunch (included with registration)**
 - Optional Presentation on Getting a Church Involved with Stephen Ministry
- 12:45–3:00 p.m. **Presentations**
 - Unexpected Ways to Care
 - What We've Learned about Grief and Relating to Those Who Are Grieving



Scan the QR code on the Left to Register

\$20 registration fee

Space is limited. Pre-Registration by March 21 is requested.



Joel Bretscher has been a member of the staff at Stephen Ministries in St. Louis since 1995. As Program Director, Joel leads the writing and editing team in the development of books, videos, training materials, courses, and other resources.

He is the lead author of *The Gift of Empathy* and coauthor of *Caring Assertiveness*, both award-winning books.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

This offering began following World War II when Protestant churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe and Asia. With the devastation occurring in Ukraine and other countries abroad, as well as the destruction occurring in the United States from severe storms, hurricanes, flooding, and blizzards, assistance continues to be needed. Each gift to OGHs supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. **Unity will receive the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering ON EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th. For more information or to give, visit: <https://unityfortmill.org/give/special-offering/>.**



What does the Lord require of you?
...to do justice
and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8
Responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the world's most vulnerable.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

REGISTER FOR GO MAD DAY—APRIL 18TH

Unity's annual Go-Make-A-Difference Day, Go MAD Day, is coming up on Saturday, April 18th. All ages and stages are invited to participate in your choice of three service projects this year:

- **Habitat for Humanity (Ages 15 and older only)** - We will be painting the exterior of the Habitat Re-Store in Rock Hill, as well as helping with indoor projects like installing a mural and painting trim. There is also an opportunity to help clean up flower beds. There are options to work on this project from 9am-12:30pm (morning), 12:30pm-4pm (afternoon), or 9am-4pm (all day). Lunch will be provided.
- **Card-Making:** We will be making cards here at Unity for our homebound members as well as some community members.
- **Blanket-Making:** We will also be making blankets here at Unity to deliver to Levine Children's Hospital.



The two projects here at Unity will run from 9am-12 noon. Childcare available for children under 4 from 8:30am-12:30pm. If you need childcare, please indicate that when you sign up. We hope you will come join us for this day of service. You can scan the QR code to register, or call the church office. Please reach out to Pastor Molly if you have questions at mbspangler@unityfortmill.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, a minister and a clinical psychologist, founded Stephen Ministry in 1975. Since then, God has worked in amazing ways through the ministry, touching millions of lives across the US and around the world. It has reached all 50 US states, 10 Canadian providences, and 30 other countries. Over 80,000 people have been trained as Stephen Leaders and more than 600,000 lay persons as Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministers have provided one-to-one Christian care and support to more than one-and-a-half million care receivers. Our Stephen Ministry at Unity is strong and helping people from our church and community.



Stephen Ministry has a new plan (in addition to Stephen Ministry) for combating the worldwide mental health crisis. On March 28 our Providence Presbytery is sponsoring a Leaderfest Seminar at Unity from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm for those who might be interested in learning about this bold new approach for making a difference to help solve the mental health crisis. If you are interested in attending, please contact Beverly Tysinger at (803) 372-7988.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our referral coordinators, Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson, via email at Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org or call Rev Molly Spangler at the church office - 803-547-5543.

2026 SANCTUARY FLOWERS SIGN UP

Would you like to honor a family member, friend, or a special group of people? Placing fresh flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God is a perfect way to remember and celebrate a special person/s or occasion in your life.

Dates for 2026 are available on Sign-Up Genius for reserving a Sunday to place flowers in the sanctuary. You may visit <https://bit.ly/2026-Flower-Calendar> and complete the steps for selecting your choice of Sunday(s). All instructions are included. If you have questions, please contact Michaela Braswell at mbraswell@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543 ext. 130).

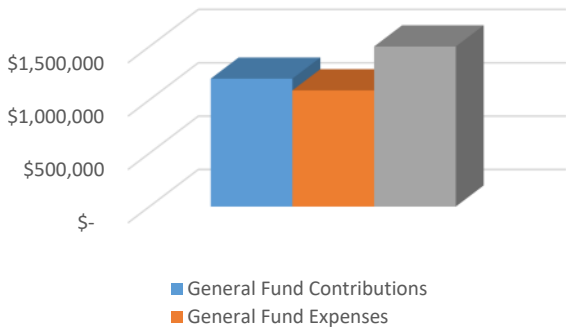
Early sign-up is recommended to ensure the Sunday of your choice.

“We are all flowers in God’s Garden.” - Karen Sweeney-Ryall



YEAR TO DATE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Year to Date Contributions & Expenses
Compared with the Annual Budget



	February 2026	July 2025 through Feb 2026	% of Annual Budget	5-Year Average
General Fund Contributions	\$ 96,481	\$1,198,648	70.3%	\$ 1,059,848
General Fund Expenses	167,629	1,088,945	63.8%	977,452
Annual Budget		1,705,640	100.0%	1,569,561

As you contemplate your legacy, please consider including Unity in your estate planning.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know, like all entities, Unity pays fees for collecting certain donations?

- **Cash & Checks** are handled in-house and **do not have fees** associated with depositing them.
- **Online giving initiated through your financial institution do not have fees** associated with depositing them.
- **Automatic Bank Draft** where you provide Unity’s financial office with your bank’s routing and account number, and we pull the donation monthly or quarterly. There is a small batch fee that when spread over many donations is **pennies for each donation**.
- **Online Giving initiated through Unity’s Realm** system carries **both a transaction fee** for each transaction **and a processing fee** as a percentage of the transaction.

CHANGE TO REALM ONLINE GIVING—WHERE DID THE PROCESSING COST OFFSET GO?

How would you like to give, Pamela?

Contribute an extra \$10.00 to help offset processing costs.

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New Payment Method

Your extra contributions to offset online giving processing costs help to reduce our budget spending. In a recent software update, Realm moved the option to include the cost at the top of the payment method page.

Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of everyone
 who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone
 who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

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Worship

11:00 a.m.
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Thank you for supporting God's ministry through Unity Presbyterian Church.